	Hazardous Occupations	Non-Hazardous Occupations	Total
27. Rajasthan	3026	5064	8090
28. Sikkim	0	Yet to be finalised.	0
29. Tamil Nadu	9493	8828	18321
30. Tripura	11	264	275
31. Uttar Pradesh	15105	18043	33148
32. West Bengal	254	15792	16046
TOTAL (PROVISIONAL)	126665	428305	554970

Rehabilitation of Intellectually Retarded

2222. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government/Governmental organisations and establishments in private sector intentionally do not provide job opportunities to the intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics throughout the country making their rehabilitation very alarming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No statistical data is available regarding the total number of intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics requiring employment. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under its Schemes of assistance to Voluntary Organisations facilitating the rehabilitation of such persons. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment does not have information in respect of the private sector regarding employment of the intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has recently launched National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC) where provision has been made for giving loans to people with disability for promoting self-employment. This scheme will be particularly useful to those persons who are unable to find salaried jobs in the Government and non-Government sector.

Scheme for the Upgradation of SC and ST Students in Gujarat

2223. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any Central Scheme for the upgradation of SC and ST students in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many SC/ST students were benefited therefrom during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) steps being taken by Government to popularise the scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Scheme of Upgradation of

Merit of SC/ST students 100% Central Assistance to States/UTs is provided for arranging remedial and special coaching for SC/ST students studying in class IX to XII.

(c) No proposal was received from Government of Gujarat in respect of this scheme during 1995-96 & 1996-97. Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 2,82,500/- was given for the benefit of 30 students during 1997-98.

(d) In order to make the Scheme more popular in all the States including Gujarat, the Ministry has revised the scheme and the State Governments are being requested to give maximum publicity to this Scheme.

Enacting Law to help Mentally Ill Women

2224. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appeared in Times of India (ND), dated the 30th May, 1998 under the caption "Enact law to help mentally-ill women: NCW" wherein it has been stated that National Commission for Women is of opinion that a Central law should be enacted making it mandatory for husbands, fathers, brothers and sons to look after the women of their families who are mentally ill and are driven to mental asylums or destitute homes;

(b) if so, what is the number of such women in mental asylums and destitute homes in the country as on 30.06.98; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to bring forward a bill in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Data regarding women in mental asylums and destitute homes is being collected.

(c) There is no proposal to bring a bill on this subject.

Programmes for the Welfare of SCs/STs, etc.

2225. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details there of schemes and programmes formulated by Government for the welfare of SCs, STs, Backward Classes, Minorities, Child Labour, destitute women etc. in all the States particularly in the State of Assam during the last five years;

(b) the achievements made so far year-wise/State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of various Welfare Schemes

2226. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed various welfare schemes introduced for the upliftment of the poors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these schemes are being implemented properly;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?